

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

00:00:00

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on January 18, 2005  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. John Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)  
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. Holly Raser (D)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Bill Warden (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 221, 1/7/2005; HB 276,  
1/13/2005; HB 283, 1/13/2005

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 221**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:31 REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9, opened the hearing  
on HB 221, Elderly homeowner property tax limit.

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah13a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:18 Julie Dolan, Montana Association of Realtors

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah13a02)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:12:24 Randy Wilke, Department of Revenue

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:03 REP. ROSS  
00:19:23 REP. FACEY  
00:21:01 REP. LAMBERT  
00:23:08 REP. GROESBECK  
00:30:03 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES  
00:34:43 REP. ROSS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:45 REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9, closed the hearing  
on HB 221.

**HEARING ON HB 283**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:38:33 REP. MIKE JOPEK (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on  
HB 283, Revise local firefighter disability and  
pension funding.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:41:06 Michael J. Eve, Assistant to the City Manager,  
City of Whitefish

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah13a03)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:25:18	REP. BUTCHER
01:27:50	REP. PETERSON
01:29:01	REP. ROSS
01:30:58	REP. WARDEN
01:32:27	REP. HIMMELBERGER
01:33:43	REP. McALPIN
01:34:15	REP. BUTCHER
01:36:54	CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
01:38:22	REP. BUTCHER

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:40:44	REP. HAL JACOBSON (D), HD 82, closed the hearing on HB 276.
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**ADJOURNMENT**

01:45:23

Adjournment: 9:45 A.M.

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REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tah13aad0.PDF](#))**